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SUBJECT:TRADE COMPLAINT

1. WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF CONTACTS OVER THE LAST WEEK WITH SR. RAUL PENAHERRERA, MANAGER OF CARROCERIAS METALICAS UNION OF QUITO. HE HAS ORDERED 27 FORD F-600 BUS CHASIS FROM A U.S. COMPANY CALLED V&G INTERNATIONAL TRADING CO., 17 BEAVER ST., NEW YORK, NY, AND HAS ALREADY PAID TOTAL OF US\$54,000 TO THIS COMPANY (WE HAVE SEEN RECEIPTS).

2. SHIPMENT IS LATE. PENAHERRERA CALLED V&G WERE UNKNOWN TO COMPANY. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE BENJAMIN GURRION AND MIGUEL VINA. FYI: PENAHERRERA HAS HAD LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF V&G PLACED IN JAIL UNTIL SITUATION IS RESOLVED. END FYI.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ASK NEW YORK D.O. TO INVESTIGATE THE BONA FIDES OF V&G INTERNATIONAL TRADING CO. AND OF GURRION AND VINA. WE WILL APPRECIATE QUICKLY LEARNING RESULTS OF THESE INQUIRIES AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE D.O. IS ABLE TO ACQUIRE ON THIS MATTER. HEMENWAY

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